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WILL IMPROVE MACHINE TRACTOR STATIONS -- Izgreve, No 1772, 28 Jun 50

The Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party have issued a decree to improve machine tractor stations. There are now 95 stations, with 6,089 15-horsepower tractors. During 1949 the stations plowed 11,418,000 decares of land, and exceeded the results of 1948 by 50 percent. Furthermore, they did 80 percent of the threshing, and substantially aided in harvesting.

However, the organizations are still showing some serious shortcomings. The over-all administration is not giving adequate attention to the individual stations. It has not shown sufficient authority to demand the accurate fulfillment of plans or the proper support of the campaigns to save fuel, reduce costs, etc. Wage rates have been calculated on the basis of the area covered per day, without stimulating the initiative of the individual operator.

The recent decree emphasizes the expansion of tractor work on farm workers' cooperatives, the improvement of work standards, and the strict observance of agricultural schedules, providing early harvesting and prompt delivery of grain to state organizations. People's soviets will establish agricultural sections, providing instructors in tractor work who will conduct special training courses, and new stations will be established and equipped with machinery and tools. The property will be kept under strict supervision.

Tractor brigades will be established as the essential work unit. Each brigade will be provided with equipment adapted to the area which will be allotted to that particular brigade for 2 years, and will include a crew sufficient to permit the satisfactory fulfillment of every assignment.

The new wage rates will be computed on the basis of the area covered daily, and will also provide the following bonuses: tractor operators will receive 42 percent of the value of fuel saved, brigade members 10 percent, and accountants 5 percent. Excessive fuel consumption will be penalized and

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will be paid for by brigade members. Proper machine maintenance will be rewarded with a yearly bonus of 10,000 leva. Wages will be paid in cash and kind and will vary according to the type of machine. Workers who fulfill the plan in terms of quality and quantity will be awarded special honorary insignia.

SCORE WAREHOUSE SHORTAGE -- Izgrev, No 1774, 30 Jun 50

Although the first grain deliveries are beginning to reach the state warehouses, the Main Grain Supply Administration has provided only 80 percent of the necessary space so far. Warehouses in the largest grain areas, such as Tolbukhin, Lom, Stara Zagora, Vidin, and Yambol, are quite inadequate. The local branches of the Main Grain Supply Administration are requested to cooperate with committees of the Bulgarian Communist Party and other organizations to assure proper warehouse facilities. In some areas, including Lom, only 70 percent of the necessary warehouse space is available, and most of the buildings are neither cleaned nor disinfected, while farm workers' cooperatives, state farms, and Zemsrab (Agricultural Supply) are discussing which should take responsibility for the operations. Likewise, in the Pleven District, warehouses are not ready for operation; in Pordin, for example, they have been disinfected with lime and gas, but neither repaired nor thoroughly cleaned.

Cooperative and state warehouses have not yet been turned over to the Zemsrab Administration in many instances, and many new ones will be needed, as the control figures indicate a grain volume largely exceeding existing facilities. Thus, in Novachene Selo, control figures exceed warehouse capacity by 500 percent.

There is also an urgent need for more scales. Cooperative and trade associations must set up a schedule indicating the days on which scales will be made available for warehouse operations.

District and okoliya people's soviets and Party and Fatherland Front organizations must start immediately to make provisions for proper warehouse facilities for the storage of the grain harvest.

COOPERATIVE TRADING REVEALS SHORTCOMINGS -- Izgrev, No 1773, 29 Jun 50

Reports presented at the meeting of trade organizations of the Central Cooperative Union on 27 June stated that the plan for wholesale goods turnover was fulfilled by 96 percent during the last 5 months and exceeded the 1949 figure by 152 percent. Retail goods turnover for the same period has increased by 59.7 percent over 1949, or by 32.7 percent for the whole year.

As of 15 June 1950, the over-all purchasing plan for agricultural products was fulfilled by 132 percent for the first 6 months of 1950. However, the plan was not fulfilled in all categories. Thus, the corn-purchasing plan was met by 153 percent, whereas sugar purchases reached only 20 percent.

The quality of the products has not been controlled sufficiently. Egg and leather purchasing have been lagging seriously. Thus far, egg purchases have reached only 36 percent of the plan, and leather purchases only 30 percent. The main reason for this shortcoming is faulty organization.

Minister of Internal Trade Pelo Pelovski emphasized that because of the close cooperation between the ministry and Central Cooperative Union, purchasing operations have considerably improved recently, except for eggs and cow's and buffalo's milk, and further efforts are being made to streamline the activities of various organizations to achieve more satisfactory results.

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The greatest emphasis must be placed on the collection and storage of grain and the warehouse problem. As of 27 June, 23 warehouses belonging to district cooperatives had not yet been turned over to the Main Grain Supply Administration. The directors gave very unsatisfactory excuses for this failure.

STATE REGULATES 1950 BRANDY PRODUCTION -- Izgrev, No 1772, 28 Jun 50

According to the new decree of the Bulgarian government regulating brandy production in 1950, fruits used for brandy manufacture will be purchased by the DSM (State Alcohol Monopoly), the cooperatives, and the economic enterprises of the people's soviets. The distilling will be done by those organizations exclusively; only if none of them are available will the DSM authorize individuals to distill. Private individuals may apply for the temporary use of DSM distilling facilities or for the use of cooperative and people's soviet installations, to be paid for on a yearly rental basis.

Home fermentation of fruit for brandy will be paid for in kind to the amount of 10 percent of the value of brandy manufactured, but the brandy must be sold to the DSM. Individuals and farm workers' cooperatives that have delivered their fruit or fruit pulp prepared at home to the distilling enterprises will receive a share of the manufactured brandy. This brandy may be sold on the free market or directly to the consumer, or exchanged for agricultural products, provided the sales or exchanges are handled exclusively by the producer.

The sale of brandy in public places, such as streets and markets, is prohibited. Brandy for commercial purposes may be obtained only directly from the DSM, or through the cooperatives and people's soviets on a commission basis.

SHALLOW PLOWING OF STUBBLE FIELDS STILL LAGGING -- Izgrev, No 1773, 29 Jun 50

The specific conditions of Bulgarian soil make it subject to frequent and extended droughts, and consequently stubble-field plowing is a most important agricultural operation. It helps to preserve the scattered rye-grass seeds which are otherwise destroyed by fall plowing. Like other plowings, it disinfects the soil of parasites, such as leather-jackets and Hessian and Swedish flies, frequently noticed during this year's campaign. It prevents the formation of capillaries, which produce dryness of the soil.

The plowing must be kept very shallow and must not exceed a depth of 4-5 centimeters; it must be executed simultaneously with harvesting to preserve soil humidity.

However, the campaign has been lagging because of inadequate distribution of manpower and poor utilization of equipment. Thus, in Pleven District 60 percent of the crops had been harvested as of 25 June, but only 5 percent were plowed under; in Yambol Okoliya 8.30 percent had been plowed under as of 19 June, and in Kolarovgrad only 3 percent as of 24 June; similar conditions prevail in other districts. Many farmers are still following obsolete and primitive work methods, and the kulaks take advantage of their ignorance to spread propaganda minimizing the shallow-plowing plan.

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SPEED HARVEST WORK -- Izgrev, No 1774, 30 Jun 50

Harvesting is proceeding on a 24-hour schedule throughout Bulgaria. Brigades from distant areas and the lowlands have come to share in the work now under way in the main grain-producing districts.

In some villages the harvest was completed and the grain delivered to warehouses of the Main Grain Supply Administration within a few days.

The army has dispatched soldier brigades to aid in the harvesting campaign.

REPORT HARVESTING PROGRESS -- Izgrev, No 1772, 28 Jun 50

The Ministry of Agriculture reports that as of 25 June harvesting, tobacco planting, and plowing of stubble fields throughout the country have been completed as follows: tobacco planting 98.8 percent, harvesting 31.9, and plowing of stubble fields 6.3 percent.

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